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Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St., S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

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COMMENTS INVITED ON PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION SERVICES, INC. APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Comp. Pol. File No. W-P-D-573

Comments Due: April 18, 2002

Section 214 Application

Applicant: Professional Communication Services

On March 15, 2002, Professional Communication Services (Applicant or Professional), located at 1100 N. 18th Street, 2nd Floor, Monroe, LA 71201, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission), requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its domestic telecommunications services.

The application indicates that no customers currently subscribe to Applicant's domestic or international interexchange services. Applicant states that in January 2000, it stopped marketing these services, which were provided on a resale basis, and that all of its then-existing customers have since migrated to other carriers. Accordingly, Professional states that it has no customers who will be affected by the proposed discontinuance, and, consequently, believes that it does not need to provide notice to any parties, as required by Commission rules.¹

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c), the application will be deemed to be automatically granted on the thirty-first (31st) day after the release date of this notice, unless the Commission has notified Applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective. The Commission will

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(5)(i).

normally authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules.² Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission by **April 18, 2002.** Such comments should refer to file number **W-P-D-573.** Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 6-A207, Washington, DC 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. Comments should also be served upon Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-2345, Attention: Jon Minkoff.

Interested parties who wish to file comments via messenger-delivery or hand-delivery are also notified that effective December 18, 2001, the Commission will only receive such deliveries weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., via its contractor, Vistronix, Inc., located at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. **The Commission no longer accepts these filings at 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.** Please note that all hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners, and envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. In addition, this is a reminder that as of October 18, 2001, the Commission no longer accepts hand-delivered or messenger-delivered filings at its headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. Other messenger-delivered documents, including documents sent by overnight mail (other than United States Postal Service (USPS) Express and Priority Mail), must be addressed to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. This location is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. USPS First-Class, Express, and Priority Mail should be addressed to the Commission's headquarters at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. The following chart summarizes this information:

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documents, including documents	Capitol Heights, MD 20743
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Priority Mail)	
USPS First-Class, Express, and	445 12 th Street, SW
Priority Mail	Washington, DC 20554

The application will be available for review and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room

² See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 - 1.1216.

CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail at **qualexint@aol.com**.

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), **cweather@fcc.gov**, or Jon Minkoff (202) 418-2353 (voice), **iminkoff@fcc.gov**, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding Section 214 please visit: http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other adjud/domestic.html.

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